

Amendments to the Specification:

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ABSTRACT

The invention provides a method of activating NFκB activity in a mammal afflicted with an autoimmune disease in which a reduction in NFκB activity is observed, comprising administering to a mammal suffering from the autoimmune disease a therapeutically effective amount of a polypeptide which activates NFκB, so as to treat the autoimmune disease in the mammal.